GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4613
ANSWERED ON:19.12.2000
CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE OF SCIENTISTS
ARUN KUMAR

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Consultative Committee of Scientist attached with Cabinet Secretariat have submitted its report;

(b) If so, the details recommendations made by the Committee;

(c) Whether the Government have accepted the said recommendations; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

(a) to (d) : A Statement is attached.

Statement referred to in parts (a) to (d) of the reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 4613 for answer on Tuesday the 19th December, 2000 regarding Consultative Committee of Scientists.

There is no Consultative Committee of Scientists attached with the Cabinet Secretariat. However, there is a Principal Scientific Advisory Committee of the Cabinet (SAC-C) of which the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India is the Chairperson There are also two other Committees chaired by the Principal Scientific Adviser i.e. the Consultative Group of eminent and Senior Scientists and the Consultative Group of Government Departments and Agencies on Science & Technology. These Committees/groups meet periodically to discuss and consider proposals on a wide range of issues and submit proposals to the Group of Ministers on Scientific Matters for their consideration. The important issues/proposals considered by the Scientific Advisory Committee to Cabinet relate to; India Millennium Missions 2020 and programmes for critical technology development; Herbal and Natural Products and Floriculture; Simplification of Administrative Procedures for implementation of S&T programmes; Optimum Utilization of Human Resources of Women Scientists and Technologists and Private Sector Initiatives in Higher Science & Technology Education.

The recommendations made are at different stages of considerations.